

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Casmalia Community Services District,

Complainant,

vs.

Unocal Corporation, also known as Casmite  
Water System,

Defendant.

Case 03-09-001  
(Filed September 2, 2003)

In the Matter of the Application of The Casmite  
Corporation for a Certificate of Public  
Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Public  
Utility Water System Near Casmalia in the  
County of Santa Barbara and to Establish Rates  
for Service.

Application 03-12-024  
(Filed December 22, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
FOLLOWING STATUS CONFERENCE**

A telephonic status conference was held in this proceeding at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, June 22, 2004, pursuant to a notice distributed by e-mail on June 10, 2004, to all persons listed on the service list. Lori Anne Dolqueist appeared for the Casmite Corporation. No other party appeared.

The assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) reviewed the schedule anticipated by the parties in their proposed settlement and announced dates for additional proceedings. The ALJ also granted Casmite's Motion to Shorten Time

(June 18, 2004), thereby requiring the Water Division to file any response to Casmite's Emergency Motion to Set Aside a Ruling Granting the Water Division an Extension of Time (June 18, 2004), as indicated in the schedule below. If the Emergency Motion to Set Aside is granted, the ALJ will also order the dates for the Water Division's report and Casmite's rebuttal.

Ms. Dolqueist indicated that the Water Division's report and prepared testimony should be required because the information, based in part on the Water Division's physical inspection of the water system, will be helpful to document the condition of the system at the time of transfer. Additionally, Ms. Dolqueist indicated that, in her opinion, no Commission review will be required of the settlement, other than to approve the dismissal of the pending consolidated proceeding.

In view of the anticipated settlement, Casmalia Community Services Dist. has also asked for a stay of proceedings. The schedule will be modified to accommodate the successful completion of the settlement. An evidentiary hearing is being set, however, to allow the proceeding to be expeditiously completed in the event the settlement is not accomplished. The revised schedule for this proceeding is as follows:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date (all 2004)</b>
Casmite to provide draft agreement and other documents (as per mediation agreement)	June 11 (completed)
Water Division to file any opposition to Casmite's Emergency Motion to Set Aside a Ruling Granting the Water Division an Extension of Time	June 25

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date (all 2004)</b>
Casmalia Community Services Dist. to respond to draft agreement (as per mediation agreement)	July 9
One or more parties file and serve status report	July 15
Telephonic status conference (Dolqueist to arrange call and notify parties as to call-in number)	10:00 a.m., July 19
Final prehearing conference and marking of exhibits (if necessary)	1:30 p.m., August 9
Evidentiary hearing (if necessary)	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., August 10 (and daily thereafter as necessary)

**IT IS SO RULED.**

Dated June 23, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JOHN E. THORSON

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John E. Thorson  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day, and by electronic mail to the parties who have provided an electronic mail address, served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Following Status Conference on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated June 23, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS

Elizabeth Lewis

**N O T I C E**

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